

APLA Meeting
September 24, 2004
Columbia

Present: Yolanda McCormick, Paula Paul, Sharon Rowe, Sharon Rupp, Marilyn Tsirigotis, Richard Band, Penny Harvey, Sarah McMaster, David Lyon, Jim Johnson, Libby Law, Thomas Reddick, Bill Cooper, Todd Stephens, Tucker Taylor, Mickey Prim, Martha Baily, Marguerite Keenan, Sue Rainey.

Yolanda McCormick called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. Nicki Wilson from the Division of General Services under the State Budget and Control Board presented the program. All their programs are linked on their home page, with updates in the middle of the page (www.gs.sc.gov.) She spoke about Central Supply, Printing Services, Fleet Management and Surplus Property. They also do the Inter-Agency Mail Service, which many libraries already have.

Central Supply – offers competitive pricing, no added sales tax, online catalog & ordering. Their top 100 products are 18% less than competitors and they also offer free shipping. Small orders can be delivered by Inter-Agency Mail. Bulk purchasing is not needed. Bid & procurement details are taken care of. Call Central Supply to get set up as a customer. They do special orders by searching vendors for items not listed in the catalog. There is a searchable online catalog with pictures and another version without pictures to print as a reference. You can have multiple ship-to addresses. www.gs.sc.gov/supply

Printing Services – offers binding, color, copying, brochures, business cards, newsletters, etc. The best way to evaluate prices is to submit a request with example. There is a shipping charge but you may pick up instead. Also Inter-Agency Mail shipping is available at a reasonable charge. Call Lois at 803-734-1008 for quotes. Orders can be prioritized to suit.
www.gs.sc.gov/business/printshop

Fleet Management – www.gs.sc.gov/statefleet

- Commercial Vender Repair Program (CVRP)
Supports over 9,000 vehicles. Contract with vendors for work, invoiced from state monthly. Dollar limits have been set by negotiation and 38% savings is average. Bob Amburgy is the contact person.
- Fuel Card
Contract with a vendor to access over 3,000 sites that honor Wright Express. Each user has a personal PIN. Any unauthorized use will be reported. Usage can be viewed online. Monthly invoice. Most Tier I and Tier II gas stations accept the card – the list is on the Wright Express site. Price is calculated weekly based on wholesale expense. Teresa Duncan is the contact person.
- Long Term Lease
All sorts of vehicles. Fee covers maintenance, repairs, fuel and insurance. No upfront costs. There is a base cost per month then a per mile charge. At the end-of-life cycle the vehicle may be turned in for a new one. Monthly invoice. Fuel is provided through fuel card program. Contact person is Jenny Lever.

Surplus Property – www.scsurplusproperty.com

Great deals on a variety of equipment. Need Surplus Card to have library billed for purchases. State agencies get priority on items for four weeks from the state and nine months for federal items. Pick-up – no delivery. Warehouse is in West Columbia near the airport. Contact Lin Wright if you want to dispose of your surplus items.

Search for new Director of South Carolina State Library – B.G. Stephens, Chair of the South Carolina State Library Board and their Search Committee

Seven members of the State Board are all participating and not breaking out into committee. On August 17th there was a special meeting with all of the library groups. Present were Paul Willis (USC) – PASCAL, Marilyn Tsirigotis – SCLA, Martha Taylor – SCASL, Melanie Price – Friends, Jack Brien – SCLIS, Sen. Wes Hayes – York Co., and Yolanda McCormick – APLA. That afternoon the staff of the State Library met with the Board. After consultation with Jim Johnson the job announcement was done that day. The job announcement has been posted on Library Hotline, SC Dept. of Human Resources and the State Library. The State Library Board is appointed according to U.S. Congressional Districts with one at-large member. In January the Board will meet to decide whom to interview. The interview will include a reception to meet the candidate. The salary is well below that of comparable states. The only feasible way to increase it is to raise the current salary, to boost the potential range. Sen. Hugh Leatherman has been approached about this. Equity should be emphasized. What questions should be asked in the interview? Send Jim Johnson your list of questions. There are four other state librarian vacancies in the country.

Business Meeting

The minutes from August 6th were presented. Mary Jo Dawson moved to accept them and Dwight McInvaill seconded. Approved by acclamation. Financial report was presented. No decision was made on the Web Junction award. A committee consisting of the following persons was formed to plan a reception for Jim Johnson's retirement – Curtis Rogers, Dwight McInvaill, Bill Cooper and Sarah McMaster. The bid for the book bag contract will be up in the spring. Marilyn Tsirigotis highlighted events for the SCLA Conference, October 27-29, Greenville: RFID technology and Smart Cards presentation, Cataloging for Kids, Tour of Furman and new Greenville libraries, and the All-Conference event at Postcards in Paris. The APLA meeting will consist of the Furman Library tour at 10 A.M. on October 27th.

State Library Report

New staff member Thomas Reddick was introduced. He is a graduate of the USC library school. Most recently he is from Florence and Kansas before that. He will be the automation specialist. Felicia Vereen will become the building consultant. Budget request includes justification to restore funding levels. The two proposals are \$2.00 per capita with \$40,000 minimum or \$2.00 per capita with \$50,000 minimum. October 5th is budget meeting. Send letters directly to governor stating our local needs, without mentioning the lottery.

USC is working on the Economic Impact Study. Comments are to be shared with two homeschooling associations in the state.

Sen. Malloy has been nominated for Friends of the Library award. He is a trial lawyer and a Renaissance man, as well as a church and family man. APLA resolution endorsing nomination to be sent to Friends was unanimously approved.

DISCUS billboards are throughout state, 50 in all. "Doctor K" book given to every system. State-wide library card may come before the legislature this year. Jim will be talking to the Judiciary Committee next week. Indiana model would reimburse net lenders. Jim would like APLA input – three people will be chosen.

The Gates grant is waiting for Tier II approval. Tier I needs to submit inventory and training reimbursement forms to Felicia.

If you have done a building in the last 12 months fill out the Architectural Digest survey.

Bamberg Dist. 1, Dillon Dist. 2 and Orangeburg Dist. 5 are getting special grants.

Call Lindsey Graham's office to eliminate Section 215 from the Patriot Act.

Dwight McInvaill, Tucky Taylor, Salley Davidson, and David Lyon were named to work on the State Library Card suggestions.

Dwight McInvaill reminded all that Library Legislation Day is March 2nd, 2005, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Adam's Mark in Columbia.

The APLA retreat is tentatively planned for May 12th and 13th at Litchfield Beach. The Litchfield Inn is a possibility with rooms either \$74 or \$89 per night plus tax and fees. Meeting rooms are \$50 per day plus tax but that cost is negotiable. 20 rooms can be set aside. Dwight was given permission to proceed with planning for that site.

Legislative planning presentations will be held November 4th at Florence (10 A.M.) and Summerville (2:30 P.M.). Two more sessions will be held November 9th at Richland County's Southeast Branch (10 A.M.) and Laurens (2:30 P.M.) Presenters will be Jim Johnson, Dwight McInvaill, Todd Stephens and Deborah Hotchkiss.

FOLUSA has a free meeting in Spartanburg on October 30th. LIBRIS design follow-up will be in early December.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rowe